

COURTS

United Methodist
Church



Our Lives
Giving I+UP

A Lenten Sermon Series at COURTS
What are you giving up for Lent?

February 18	February 25	March 4	
CONTROL	EXPECTATIONS	SUPERIORITY	
March 11	March 18	March 25	April 1
ENEMIES	OUR LIVES	POPULARITY	DEATH

March 18, 2018

Matt Hall - Sr. Pastor

Couts United Methodist Church
Sunday, March 18, 2018
Fifth Sunday in Lent - Liturgical Color - Purple

COUNTDOWN

Open Our Eyes, Lord

WELCOME / REGISTRATION

(Please fill out the registration on the last page of the bulletin, tear along the perforated line and place in the offering plate.)

GREETING

Leader: The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Matt Hall

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Matt Hall

Leader: Lazarus, though dead, was called to life by Jesus.

People: **May we be called to the light of righteousness.**

Leader: As others witnessed this resurrection, they believed in Jesus.

People: **May we, who have heard, believe in the power of Jesus to conquer our fears and doubts.**

Leader: Praise be to God who has given us Jesus.

People: **Praise be to Jesus who has given us life. AMEN.**

OPENING PRAISE

Congregation

Chain Breaker
Here's My Heart
Good, Good Father

OFFERING / PRAYER / LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Matt Hall

CHILDREN'S STORY
CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Kathy Smith
Chris Safford

(Children's Church is for children 3-Kindergarten. They will return to the sanctuary during the Invitation Song)

MESSAGE
SCRIPTURE

Giving Up Our Lives
Ezekiel 37: 1-14; John 11: 1-45

Pastor Matt Hall

***INVITATION**

Congregation

Just As I Am

(If you want to join Coats United Methodist Church and/or make a commitment to Christ, you are invited to join Pastor Matt at the front of the sanctuary.)

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Matt Hall

**If you are able, we invite you to stand.*

(Holy Communion will be served at the front of the Sanctuary following the worship service. In the United Methodist Church, everyone is invited to take communion.)

Worship Volunteers

March 18, 2018

Sound	Butch Hott
Slides	Christopher Campbell
Usher	Ricky Torbett
Children's Sermon	Kathy Smith
Children's Church	Chris Safford
Stewards	Becky Bond & Sherry Couch
Greeters & Hospitality Table	Journey Sunday School Class

March 25, 2018

Sound	Ethan Worsham
Slides	Kathy Smith
Usher	Ricky Torbett & Bill Shatford
Children's Sermon	Sarah Moden-Alliston
Children's Church	Sarah Moden-Alliston
Stewards	Eddie McSwain & Bill Shatford
Greeters & Hospitality Table	Faithful Seekers Sunday School Class

PLEASE LIFT IN PRAYER



for the week of March 18th

Monday

6:00 p.m. - Handbell Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts at the Scout Lodge

Tuesday

7:00 a.m. - Men's Breakfast at Wanda's Restaurant

6:30 p.m. - Children's Meeting - anyone interested in being a part of Children's Missions at CCA, Camp Hope, Fox Hollow or other places in our community, are certainly invited to attend.

Wednesday

2:00 p.m. - Prayer Force

3:30 - 5:30 - Kidzone

5:30 p.m. - Snack Supper

6:00 p.m. - Bible Studies, Praise Band Rehearsal,
Tweens and Youth

Saturday

1:00 p.m. - 4 p.m. - Youth - Passover Experience - \$20.00

Next Sunday

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School

10:30 a.m. - Worship - Palm Sunday

11:30 a.m. - Covered Dish Lunch in the gym

12:15-12:30 p.m. - Easter Egg Hunt at the church

Couts UMC Youth

Loving God, Loving Neighbor



Youth Sunday School

Sunday, March 18 - 9:30 a.m.

“Dive Into the Sermon”

Wednesday Youth

“Salt”



Snack Supper

Wednesdays

5:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

\$3.00 per adult

Children 12 & under \$1.00

Youth eat for free

March 21st

Roasted Chicken

March 28th

Sloppy Joes, chips

Reminder:

Lent Cross Challenge

During Lent take a picture of a cross and send it to the Church Office (cindy@coutsumc.org) Or the Cout's People Facebook page



6 Debt Reduction

As of 03/13/2018

**Debt Reduction Commitment Total:
\$381,448**

Loan Balance:

As of 1/31/17 - \$908,567.67

As of 3/13/2018 - \$718,472.44

**Amount of Loan paid thus far:
\$190,095.23**



New
**Adult Sunday
School Class**
Church Conference
Room

Led by

Vince and Shelly Gonzales

For more information contact
Vince, Shelly, Pastor Matt or the
church office.

**WEDNESDAY
BIBLE STUDY** NIGHT

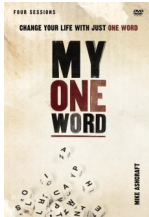
**Two New Wednesday Night
Bible Studies**
Starting March 21st
6:00 p.m.



The Study of Jonah
by Priscilla Scherer
Navigating a Life Interrupted
led by Pastor Georgia Orr
Room # 2

My One Word

by Mike Ashcraft
Changing Your Life
With **Just One Word**
led by Julie Bishop
In the Chapel



**Want to be in ministry to the
Children of our Community?**

Come to a meeting on
Tues., Mar. 20th at 6:30 pm
in the Fellowship Hall - meal
provided.



Prayer Request

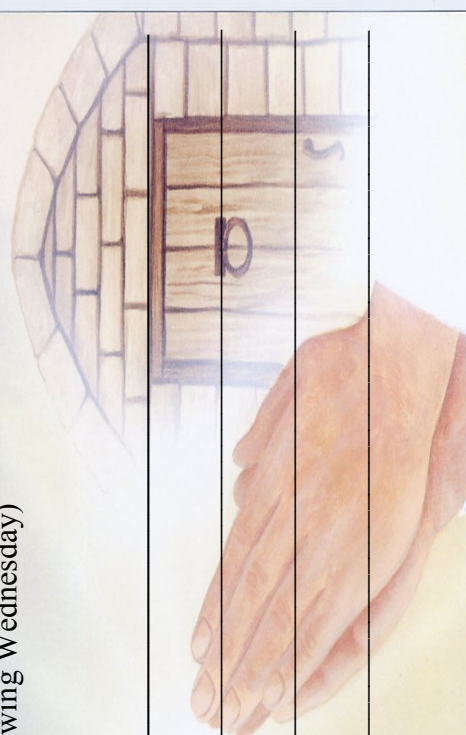
Please tear off on the perforated line and place in the offering (Prayer requests that are submitted on this form are given to and prayed for by our Prayer Force the following Wednesday)

Name requesting prayer for: _____

Submitted by: _____

Comments: _____

Names to be taken off of the Prayer Requests: _____



Tuesday, March 27th
11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Sign up to bring food or help
serve in the Welcome Center

Chicks In Action
Meeting



Tuesday, Mar. 27th - 6:30 pm
Fellowship Hall
*(Making baskets for college students
for upcoming up exams.)*

Easter Eggs Needed
Please bring eggs for the Easter Egg
Hunt following the covered dish
lunch on Palm Sunday-March 25th
*(Please bring filled eggs or pick up some
plastic eggs from Mrs. Sarah)*



Holy Week Schedule

March 25th - Palm Sunday
Covered Dish Lunch and Easter Egg
Hunt following the Worship Service

Thursday, March 29th
Maundy Thursday Worship Service
6:00 p.m.

Friday, March 30th
Good Friday Worship Service
6:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 1st
Easter Sunday
7:00 a.m. - Sunrise Service
(East Parking lot-bring lawn chairs)

10:30 a.m. Worship Service
*As a church, our goal is to invite 500
people to worship on Easter Sunday
Pick up your cards in the Welcome Center*

Attendance Registration / Welcome Visitors

03/18/2018

If you are visiting Coups, we want to welcome you and we hope that you have a great worship experience with us today. Please fill out the contact information, tear on the perforated line and put in the offering plate.

Name: (Please list all of your family that are in attendance)

Street Address:

City

Zip

Email Address:

Telephone #

Member _____ **Visitor** _____ **Active in another church in Weatherford** _____ **Out of town guest** _____ **Wish to join** _____ **Desire a call** _____
Attend Coups Regularly _____ **First Time Visitor** _____ **Comments** _____